



Docket No.: 43890-448

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

In re Application of:	:	Customer Number: 20277
Masato HIGASHI	:	Confirmation Number: 3423
Serial No.: 09/673,628	:	Group Art Unit: 2164
Filed: December 08, 2000	:	Examiner: Samuel G. Rimell

For: DISK SYSTEM AND METHOD OF UPDATING FIRMWARE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 18, 2006, and the petition for a two-month extension of time up to and including October 18, 2006 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.